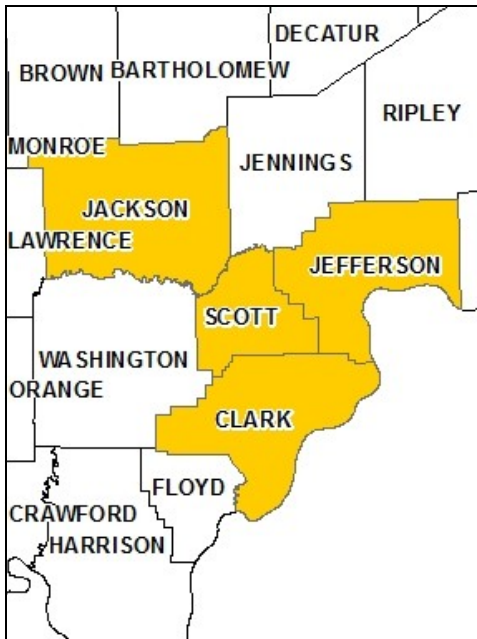




2015 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program

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LEAD DISTRICT: JEFFERSON
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: CLARK,
JACKSON, SCOTT
PROJECT NAME: BETTER SOIL.
CLEANER WATER. MORE PROFIT.
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2015-4/30/2017
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

Purpose: Reduce sediment and nutrients from non-point sources

This project proposes to reduce sediment and nutrients from non-point sources in an effort to improve water quality by encouraging producers to utilize a conservation cropping system. The districts believe that the combination of these best management practices can have a significant impact on farming practices both in the present and future years.

Participants will be required to complete a soil test, follow professional consultation on the soil test recommendations, utilize no-till planting methods, seed cover crops and as needed, install buffer practices, within the time the landowner is funded for the program to receipt of payment. The project also seeks to reach out to minority or unfunded groups. This project strongly supports the Conservation Cropping System Initiative focusing on both enhancing conservation and growing awareness and understanding of the importance of soil health.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
NRCS, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,
KOVA FERTILIZER, JACKSON-JENNINGS
CO-OP, CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES, J&C
FEED, CENTRAL MUSCATATUCK
WATERSHED PROJECT, AND CLARK, JACK-
SON, JEFFERSON, AND SCOTT COUNTY
PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICES

Cost Share
\$75,000

The Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project will assist in completing and publicizing the project.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2015, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 14 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,020,900. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).